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OEA-R Advisory Council Election Report

Mail-in ballots from the month of March were counted on Monday, April 6, 2015 for the OEA-Retired Advisory Council Officer elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for three-year terms beginning September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2018. Election results are as follows: There were 2,082 votes cast (23% of OEA-R statewide membership) and all were counted/valid. (OEA-Retired unified members and OEA-Retired only members only were eligible to vote). Note: NEOEA-R has 2800 OEA-R members.

- OEA-Retired Advisory Council Chair –
 - 1293 Votes John Hoyes – ELECTED
 - 662 Votes Dale Kain
- OEA-Retired Advisory Council Vice Chair –
 - 1301 Votes Carol Kinsey – ELECTED
 - 674 Votes Marsh Buckley
- OEA-Retired Advisory Council Secretary –
 - 1121 Votes Peg Ham – ELECTED
 - 847 Votes Jack Boyd

NEA-R Delegate Election Report

The OEA-R Delegates to the 2015 NEA RA are (in order of votes): John Hoyes (by virtue of office), William A. Dorsey, Carol Kinsey, Bill Sears, Marilyn Allen, Christina Wall Swank, Donald L. Traxler, and Marti Huss.

The OEA-R Alternates to the 2015 NEA RA are (in order of votes): Marsh Buckley, Nancy Wonson, Peg Ham, Homer O. Adams, Donna Smoot-Walters, Phil A. Long, Willie A. Terrell, Jr., Beryl M. Burkle, Kathleen Purdy, Jeff Corbin, Deloris Rome Hudson, Pat Wager, Sue Chaney, Judy Buschle, Marti Franks, Mary Binegar, Gail M. Gentile, Vivian J. Brown, Susie Crawford, Judy Ritchey Novak, Lorna Ferguson, and Diallas York.

OEA Spring 2015 Representative Assembly

OEA-Retired Delegates to the OEA Representative Assembly met on May 7, 2015 prior to the RA on May 8th and 9th.

Delegates from NEOEA who attended are: Homer Adams, Lynn Aring, Debbie Bernauer, Marsh Buckley, Beryl Burkle, Nanci DiBianca, Bill Dorsey, Marti Franks, Hazel Haffner, Peg Ham, Hank Haynes, Warren Hershberger, Norm Hillstrom, Gary Hollow, Donna Smoot-Walters, John Veverka, and Nancy Wonson,

Retired Spring Conference Report

Beryl Burkle, OEA-R Advisory Council

NEOEA-R planned the OEA-R Statewide Spring Conference on May 12, 2015, held at the NEOEA Office in Garfield Hts, Ohio. The conference was well attended.

Nanci DiBianca and her committee planned four breakout session with topics of interest for the retired in the morning. After lunch we had an afternoon adventure to the newly-renovated interactive Canal Exploration Center in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. This treasure is only four miles from NEOEA!

Read Across America Report NEOEA-R Outreach Committee

Beryl Burkle, OEA-R Advisory Council

Thank you for your support for Read Across America March 2015. We had many readers across North Eastern Ohio and great support from active teachers inviting us into their classrooms. We extend a big "THANK YOU" to all our participants for their time and effort to make this the best!

The Board of Directors of NEOEA gave us a generous grant of money to buy new books to gift where we read. We thank Mary Keefe retired member for all the extra gently used books (4 boxes) she brought to gift from the Lander Circle Kiwanis.

Gary Hollow produced a great video for Read Across America and entered the OEA Contest. We did not win this year but certainly are encouraged to enter again. We won the first year and it gave us good momentum for Read Across America for buying books to gift. The YouTube videos are at:

- 2015—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJIAn6ivFk>
- 2014— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8Ovylx0In8>
- 2013— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKhSFffHjQ>

Plan to join us March 2016. You pick the day, the time and the place. I want to help you have a wonderful RAA experience. Links to materials and resources are at: <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/read-across-america/>.

Let students know the joy of reading is a lifelong skill and it is fun. Be sure to volunteer by next February. Let me know what you are planning or that you need a place to read. Volunteer alone or bring along a friend. Talk to others that have enjoyed Read Across America. NEOEA-R Outreach Committee—
Call 330-659-3928 or berylburkle@gmail.com.

OEA-R Statewide Fall Conference

Save the Date!

- September 3, 2015 in Columbus at the STRS Building
- The fee for the day is \$15 which includes lunch.
- Car pool with others this is a worthwhile conference for the retired.
- Fill out a registration form and plan to be there. <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/files/2015/06/OEA-R-Fall-2015.pdf>.

Speakers include the OEA Officers, OEA Executive Director Sheryl Mathis, OEA-R Staff Liaison Dinica Williams, and STRS Executive Director Mike Nehf. STRS and SERS Health Care Personnel will be invited to speak on health care issues/changes for 2016 followed by questions and answers.

Informational sessions about OEA-R activities and opportunities for involvement will be presented after lunch followed by the ever popular feature of our own retired members and their post retirement activities. Note: FREE Parking is provided at the STRS building.

Retired Representatives Needed for 2016 OEA-FCPE Screenings

The 2016 elections are over a year away, but (as you've probably heard in the news) planning for those elections is already underway.

In 2014, OEA began asking district associations like NEOEA to appoint a retired representative to each of the OEA-FCPE House District screening committees within their borders. In our case, that's 29 house districts.

It's little early for us to compile a list now, but in the fall, we'll be beating the bushes for retired members who can serve on those screening committees. Watch your NEOEA-Retired newsletter in the fall for more information.

Grants from NEA for Membership and Intergenerational Mentoring Programs

The grant for Intergenerational Mentoring enabled OEA-R to establish the Intergenerational Mentoring Program which matches retirees with education majors on college campuses to give them an experienced educator to consult for advice. This program has received nationwide recognition and the participants in the program have presented national workshops for NEA-Retired.

The Mentoring Program at Kent State University is looking for additional mentors to work with education students who will graduate as teachers. As a retired member of OEA-R the IGM starts its 8th year at KSU. The mentors have retired from our jobs, but not our profession. Thank you to all our MENTORS! We had a great year with students. This is a worthwhile endeavor. We have two general meetings (Meet and Greet) and (Final Picnic) in Kent. Telephones/emails an invitation to lunch or dinner keep us in touch to discuss our ideas with mentees.

We are looking for mentors for August 2015. Please volunteer in July by calling the NEOEA Office (800-354-6794) leave your name, telephone number and email address with Linda Grunden. We will be glad to answer all your questions. We will get back to you asap. Co-Facilitators Nanci DiBianca and Beryl Burkle

Membership Grant

The grant OEA-R received for Membership from NEA gave NEOEA-R the opportunity to have a Pre-Retired Workshop after the Megaconference in March.

Workshop surveys and positive evaluations showed that attendees were not aware of their continued benefits in retirement and remaining part of their profession after retirement. Retired membership in OEA-R, NEA-R are very important to continue to reap the rewards of your affiliation with union membership. The workshop was very well

attended and several attendees signed up for Pre-Retired Life in OEA-R/NEA-R for \$350. Go to <http://www.nea.org/JoinNEA> use credit card.VISA or Master Card Annual Dues are \$45 OEA-R/NEA-R Paid every August.

Retired Members Meet for County Luncheons

Bill Lavezzi, NEOEA Executive Director

A long-time plan of NEOEA-Retired became a reality this spring as representatives of NEOEA-Retired held the first series of county luncheons. Judging from initial responses, the luncheons will continue in 2015-16.

Retired members Debbie Bernauer, Barb Catalano, Carol Dolgosh, Marti Franks, Adele Matias, and Donna Smoot-Walters arranged six luncheons, located in Cuyahoga, Lake, and Summit Counties. The events were pretty simple, basically offering retired educators an opportunity to keep in touch. Although officials of NEOEA and its Retired Organizing Committee attended and offered some updates on current affairs, agendas were kept to a minimum so that committee representatives could gather ideas as much as share information.

The purposes of the program are to provide a more personal connection among our retired members and to promote communication between retired members and their leaders within the Association. The only cost to members is the price of lunch for themselves and any guests they bring.

Results were positive, drawing members from neighboring counties as well as the three in which the luncheons took place. All of the luncheon groups agreed that they would like to attend again.

Although there is some discussion as to what the best frequency for these events will be, it's pretty clear that we will be gathering for lunch again in the fall!



NEOEA-Retired Organizing Committee Seeks Members

The NEOEA-Retired Organizing Committee meets three times a year to provide programs to promote the welfare of retired members of NEOEA; identify concerns of retired members as topics for training workshops and social opportunities; serve as a link between retired members from NEOEA; and foster communication with other OEA-R members.

It is important that the committee include members from all areas of the NEOEA. Openings exist for members who live or worked in Ashtabula, Erie, Mahoning, or Portage County. A Committee Volunteer Form is available online at http://neoea.org/CommitteeVolunteerForm_and_Charges.pdf

As an NEOEA Retiree, you have extensive knowledge and experience that can provide valuable help to other members and public education in general. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time.

NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference—July 22-23

The NEOEA Summer Leadership Committee has planned another great conference at the Bertram Inn in Aurora. Come join us July 22-23 for learning, food, and fun! All information regarding Summer Leadership is available on our "All Things Summer Leadership" page at <http://www.neoea.org/slc/>. See you there!

The Alliance for Retired Americans

Homer Adams and Marti Franks are the NEOEA-R delegates to the Ohio Chapter that meets in Columbus with other OEA-R districts from the Advisory Council. OEA-R has 10 representatives that can attend meetings.

Visit the website to sign up for the newsletter. Alliance for Retired Americans, <http://retiredamericans.org/>

Retirement System Reports

Get the current OEA report on the three retirement systems at <http://www.ohea.org/retirement-systems-updates>.

NEOEA Day—October 16

NEOEA Day is Friday, October 16, 2015. As always, NEOEA seeks providers of quality programs for the upcoming NEOEA Day. The process of planning NEOEA Day has begun. If you or someone you know would be interested in presenting, please contact the NEOEA office at to receive an Request for Proposal (RFP) packet.

In addition in to the many workshop presentations there are two trips :

New York, New York!—Tour master Dave Baker has a wonderful line-up of events. We are waiting to see what new Broadway Show will be opening in 2015. Once we decide on the shows to be offered, we will inform you of those choices, their cost, Any shows offered will be on Friday night, and you can purchase one of them or choose to get a ticket to another show on your own. Also a visit to the 911 Memorial Museum: Adults (18-64 years old) – \$24 U.S. Veterans or College Students – \$18 Seniors (65+ years old) – \$18 Youth (7-17 years old) – \$15. You may also choose Dinner at Carmine’s for \$42 per person. <http://www.neoea.org/NYC2015.pdf>.

Philadelphia and Gettysburg!—Tour some of America’s most famous historic sites including Dobbin House Tavern, the Gettysburg battlefield, Independence National Historic Park, Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, America’s First Post Office, Betsy Ross House, Battleship New Jersey, a ghost tour of Philadelphia, a tour of the Eastern State Penitentiary (home to some of the most notorious criminals such as Al Capone and Willie Sutton), and a guided mural art tour of Philadelphia (world’s largest collection of outdoor public art! <http://www.neoea.org/ND-PhilGet2015.pdf>).

ESP — SERS Update

By Adele Matias, OEA-R ESP Representative

All ESP, retired and active are invited to an ESP reception in Columbus at the OEA Summer Academy. The OAESp is hosting the reception on Aug. 3, 2015, at 5 pm in the Hilton Columbus Downtown hotel. There will also be a breakfast meeting at the same location on Aug. 4 at 7 am.

Editor Note: Adele attends SERS meetings and writes up her observations in periodic reports. Adele's reports are at <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/sers-reports/>. Visit the SERS site for complete information: <http://www.ohsers.org/>

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Check the **NEOEA.org** website for complete information on these valuable discounts <http://www.neoea.org/MemberBenefits.aspx> .

- **OEA Attorney Referral Program:** login at the OEA Member Services page <https://www.ohea.org/legal-services>
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- **Honeybaked Ham:** Order on the Best Benefits Club website (password: NEOEA0613e) to buy Honeybaked Ham gift certificates and save 12%. You can check out the menu at <http://www.honeybaked.com/>
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- **Vintage Ohio:** One of America’s Premier Wine and Food Festivals Celebrates its 20th Year on August 7-8. NEOEA



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Go to the NEOEA website <http://www.neoea.org/>, click on the **Member's Page** link.

NEOEA Calendar

- June 28-30** NEA-Retired Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- July 1-6** NEA Representative Assembly, Orlando, FL
- July 22-23** NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference, Bertram Inn & Conference Center, Aurora
- August 3-5** OEA Summer Academy, Hilton Columbus Downtown.
- October 15-18** NEOEA Day—New York City tour
- October 16** NEOEA Day, various locations throughout NE Ohio.
- October 16-18** NEOEA Day—Philadelphia and Gettysburg tour
- November 7** NEOEA Representative Assembly, TBD
- December 5** OEA Representative Assembly, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Columbus, OH
- February 8** NEOEA Legislative Receptions, four locations throughout NE Ohio

- March 12** NEOEA Megaconference
- April 9** NEOEA Representative Assembly, TBD
- May 13-14** OEA Representative Assembly, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH

New NEOEA Website Under Construction

Watch the new website evolve! NEOEA is beginning the process of building a new website. The current home page has been changed. Links to back pages of the site will still work. Links to those pages are on the new home page. A completely new website built on a WordPress platform will be unveiled soon. Everything will remain at the same URL: <http://www.neoea.org/>.

Links in this newsletter should work. If you have trouble, just call the office.